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US TO ISSUE NEW IRAN SANCTIONS

1 President Donald Trump is poised to impose new sanctions on multiple Iranian entities, seeking to ratchet up pressure on Tehran while crafting a broader strategy to counter what he sees as its destabilizing behavior, people familiar with the matter said. In the first tangible action against Iran since Trump took office on Jan. 20, the administration, on the same day he insisted that "nothing is off the

table," prepared to roll out new measures against more than two dozen Iranian targets, the sources said. The announcement is expected as early as Friday, they said. The new sanctions may mark the leading edge of a more aggressive policy against Iran that Trump promised during the 2016 presidential campaign, the sources said. REUTERS

US HOPES TO HAVE WALL FINISHED IN TWO YEARS

2 Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly said on Thursday he hoped to have a wall along the southern U.S. border with Mexico finished within two years, according to an interview with Fox News. "The wall will be built where it's needed first, and then it will be filled in. That's the way I look at it," Kelly said in the interview. "I really hope to have it done within the next two years." He

added he thought funding from Congress for the massive project would come "relatively quickly." REUTERS

SNAP MAKES $3 BILLION IPO DETAILS PUBLIC

3 Snap Inc., owner of popular messaging service Snapchat, made many of its financial details public for the first time as it prepared to raise up to $3 billion in an initial public offering. The Los Angeles-based company said it generated $404.5 million in sales in 2016, up from $58.7 million in 2015. It had a net loss of $514.6 million in 2016, up from a net loss of $372.9 million in 2015. Snap

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FREESTYLE SKIING

5 Nico Porteous of New Zealand competes in the qualifying round of the FIS Freestyle Ski World Cup 2017 Men's Ski Halfpipe during the Toyota U.S. Grand Prix at Mammoth Mountain. GETTY IMAGES

US AIRLINE CEOS ASK TO MEET WITH TILLERSON

4 The CEOs of the three airlines have asked to meet with Secretary of State Rex Tillerson to discuss allegations that Gulf states are unfairly subsidizing state-owned carriers, driving down prices and crowding out competition on key routes, accusations those carriers deny. The chief executives of American Airlines Group Inc., United Continental Holdings Inc and Delta Air Lines Inc asked for the meeting in a letter posted on the website of the U.S. airlines-backed Partnership for Open & Fair Skies. "We are writing to bring to your attention an issue of utmost importance to the future of our industry: the massive subsidization of three state-owned Gulf carriers — Qatar Airways, Etihad Airways and Emirates — and the significant harm this subsidized competition is causing to U.S. airlines and U.S. jobs," the letter said. REUTERS

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Trump's election spurs activists to help political novices run for local offices

"How to Run for Neighborhood Office and Win" is the title of one group's workshops.

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Hundreds of Philly residents attended the first workshop conducted by the Philadelphia Democratic. PROVIDED

Knowledge is power and a president is not a king, say political groups and activists who are offering advice to help people get involved in local politics.

Spurred by the election of President Donald Trump, efforts are underway to get the "average citizen" involved in local politics, with the idea that making a difference starts at home.

Two days before Trump took the oath of office in Washington, 450 people filled the pews in the Church of the Holy Trinity on Walnut Street, looking for tips on how to begin their own fledgling efforts.

Starting with the catchy title, "How to Run for Neighborhood Office and Win," the event was organized by the Philadelphia Democratic Progressive Committee, a new group that is hoping to establish its own foothold in the local political scene.

"All politics are local," said Larry Otter, quoting a famous political truism. Otter, an election lawyer who spoke at the Jan. 18 event, added, "Elected officials in your city can pass ordinances that affect you immediately."

Malcolm Kenyatta is well aware of Philly politics and attended last month's event to get some pointers before he starts his own mini-movement.

> *"Donald Trump is not a king. He's a president."*
>
> Malcolm Kenyatta

Kenyatta's grandfather, Muhammad Kenyatta, was a professor and civil rights activist in the 1960s, and ran for the Philadelphia mayor in 1975.

Kenyatta's project is to get people more involved by starting at the beginning.

He plans to channel the local and national outrage that many felt following Trump's election — and his more recent executive orders — to start leading free "Civic Saturday" sessions, near the area where he grew up in North Philadelphia.

"When people have questions, we need to make sure they are armed with an understanding of our government," he said in an interview. "Donald Trump is not a king. He's a president."

Joe Driscoll, one of the founders of the Philadelphia Democratic Progressive Committee, also cited Trump's election as the impetus to form the committee.

Driscoll organized the January event in hopes of getting more people to run for positions that don't make headlines — like Inspectors of Elections and Committee Person — but can still play a vital role in the democratic process.

For more on these political bootcamps, visit metro.us.

Police deny attempts to 'intimidate' Philly Antifa

Days after the protests against President Donald Trump in Philadelphia, some of the city's activists say they've been experiencing increased police scrutiny.

Members of Philly Antifa and the Up Against the Law Legal Collective said they were surprised to find large numbers of police officers congregating outside The Wooden Shoe, an anarchist bookstore on South Street, during a Jan. 28 public event.

According to the groups, police had previously urged them to cancel the event, a talk by local writer Matthew Lyons, who studies the "alt-right."

"This is harassment, plain and simple, and an attempt to chill free speech and anti-fascist organizing," said Sean Damon, a member of Up Against the Law. The organization is a collective of activists and lawyers that were born out of the Occupy movement, according to the group's website.

Police gather outside The Wooden Shoe, an anarchist bookstore on South Street, during a reading event on Jan. 28. PROVIDED

Antifa, an antifascist group, said a "large and hostile police presence" that frightened their members emerged after police officers were asking about the group's involvement in an anti-Donald Trump protest during which three police cars were vandalized.

Each vehicle was tagged around 7:15 p.m. on Jan. 26 with "a black painted line through the police emblem on the driver's side door panels" just after a large group of protesters passed the cars near 13th and Arch streets, a police report stated.

The activists claim police stopped by the bookstore a day earlier and urged them to cancel the talk. Up Against the Law wrote that the police "alleged that Philly Antifa may have been involved in a protest at which vandalism occurred."

"The police made nonsense claims that they feared the presence of antifascists would result in street conflict, and made accusations about Antifa's involvement with recent protest actions," Antifa wrote. "We want to reiterate: Philadelphia police tried to stop this event."

Police denied any attempts to shut down the event or violate Antifa's rights.

"The PPD does not 'gather in numbers' outside of bookstores to intimidate anyone," police spokesman Lt. John Stanford said. "If officers are present at any location, it usually is because someone has called us for service or we have information regarding an incident or problem."

Stanford didn't comment on questions about the vandalism investigation.

"Our record speaks for itself as to our response to protests and events," he said. "We welcome the expression of First Amendment rights, but we also have the responsibility to maintain order and peace for all." SAM NEWHOUSE

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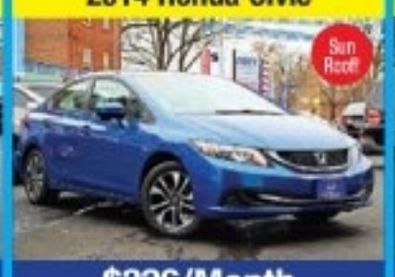

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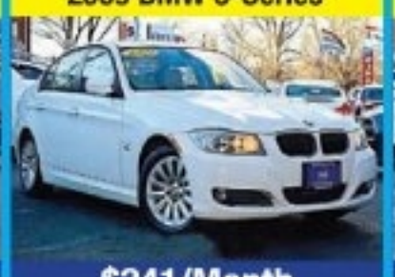

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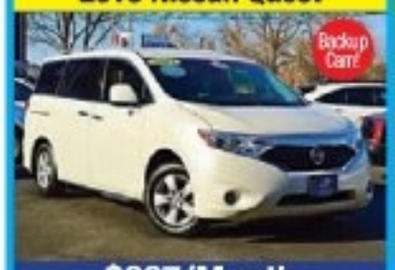

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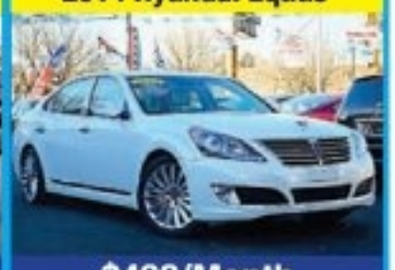

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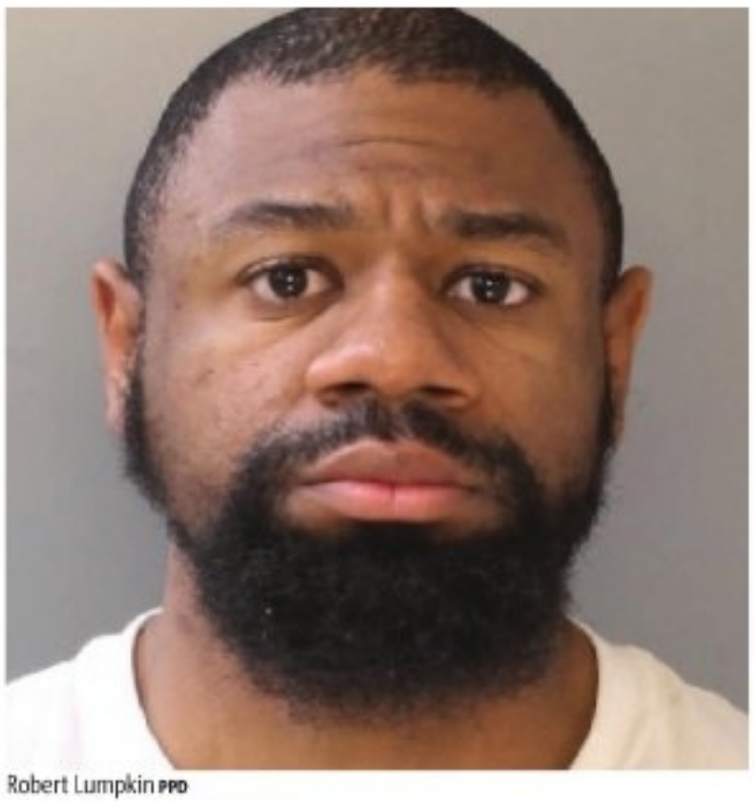

Robert Lumpkin PPD

Police: Cafeteria worker sold marijuana to high school students

A school surveillance camera showed him "engaging in the transaction with students," authorities said.

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A cafeteria worker at a Northeast Philadelphia high school was charged with selling marijuana to students, authorities said Thursday.

Robert Lumpkin, 31, a cafeteria worker at George Washington High School, was charged with possession and possession with intent to deliver, police said.

Police said they found Lumpkin in possession of $280 worth of marijuana, and alleged he had been selling drugs to high schoolers.

Narcotics officers began investigating Lumpkin after school officers contacted them and reported that they believed he was selling marijuana, police said.

Officers "reviewed the surveillance video of the employee engaging in the transaction with students and going into a bathroom with students for short periods of time and exiting with the students," a police report stated.

They then set up surveillance on Lumpkin.

After pulling him over Wednesday for failing to use a traffic signal, officers obtained a search warrant for his home. According to the police report, $280 of marijuana was recovered from his vehicle and home.

BUST

$3M worth of heroin seized, 3 arrested in major Philly drug bust

State and federal law enforcement authorities have broken up a major drug ring and confiscated $3 million worth of heroin, the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office announced Thursday.

Arrested were two men, Gheral Alavarez-Mercedes, 30, and Johel Pascal-Mateo, 26; and one woman, Zamary Roldan, also 26. They face charges for possession with the intent to deliver and conspiracy. Each could face up to 60 years in prison.

The Philadelphia Police and the Drug Enforcement Administration led the operation, in which 13 kilograms of heroin with a street value of more than $3 million was seized, authorities said.

In his statement, District Attorney Seth Williams noted the recent deaths of several people in the city from "'bad' heroin." Williams added that "even though we don't yet know if the heroin that came from this bust was or was not laced with deadly chemicals, it still sends a clear message" to dealers. ALEXIS SACHDEV

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Trump threatens UC Berkeley after protests stop far-right speech

Trump's threat in a tweet provoked a response from California lawmakers, who in discussions on the floor of the state senate called it distasteful and an abuse of power, marking the latest clash between the Republican president and officials in the Democratic-majority state.

The protest got out of control as masked groups of people with long iron sticks intervene and cause damage to the windows of banks and shops at Sproul Hall in Berkeley, California, on Thursday. GETTY IMAGES

President Donald Trump threatened on Thursday to cut funding to the University of California at Berkeley after protesters smashed windows and set fires at the school, forcing the cancellation of an appearance by a far-right Breitbart News editor.

"If U.C. Berkeley does not allow free speech and practices violence on innocent people with a different point of view - NO FEDERAL FUNDS?" Trump wrote on Twitter at 6:13 a.m. EST.

It was not immediately clear what action Trump could take without authorization from Congress, or without risking legal action.

In California, a mostly Democratic state where lawmakers have already begun preparing legislation to combat Trump's policies on immigration and climate change, the response was swift.

"To have the man at the helm of the most powerful nation of the world tweeting and threatening the University of California and talking about withholding funds, that's unique and I find that very distasteful," said Senate leader Kevin de Leon, a Los Angeles Democrat.

Lawmakers said they would look into whether President Trump could actually take funds from the university which receives $400 to $450 million in funding for research annually. In 2016, the university also received $216 million in federal student aid, a legislative official said.

"All we have to go on now is another angry tweet," said Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon, a Democrat from the Los Angeles suburb of Paramount.

He said lawmakers would continue to seek ways to protect the state, a Democratic stronghold where voters went two-to-one for Trump's opponent, Hillary Clinton in the November, 2016 election.

"We have been having ongoing discussions on how to protect California from potential harm from the Trump Administration – those discussions will continue," Rendon said.

> *"Simply put, President Trump's empty threat to cut funding from UC Berkeley is an abuse of power."*
> Lee

Trump's tweet came in response to violence that broke out on the University's flagship campus amid demonstrations against the appearance of Milo Yiannopoulos of Breitbart News, the right-wing website formerly headed by presidential adviser Steve Bannon.

On Thursday, Berkeley Chancellor Nicholas Dirks condemned the violence.

"Last night the Berkeley campus was invaded by more than 100 armed individuals clad in all black who utilized paramilitary tactics to engage in violent, destructive behavior," Dirks said.

He said the 38,000-student campus, home to the Free Speech Movement of the 1960s, respected Yiannopoulos' right to speak.

U.S. Representative Barbara Lee, a Democrat whose district includes Berkeley, vowed to fight any attempt to slash funding.

According to a Reuters review, the research money received by the university includes $121 million from the National Science Foundation for scientific research and $125 million from the Health and Human Services department for health and medical research. It may be difficult for Trump to cut off this money, as much of it is awarded through a competitive process that evaluates projects based on scientific merit. REUTERS

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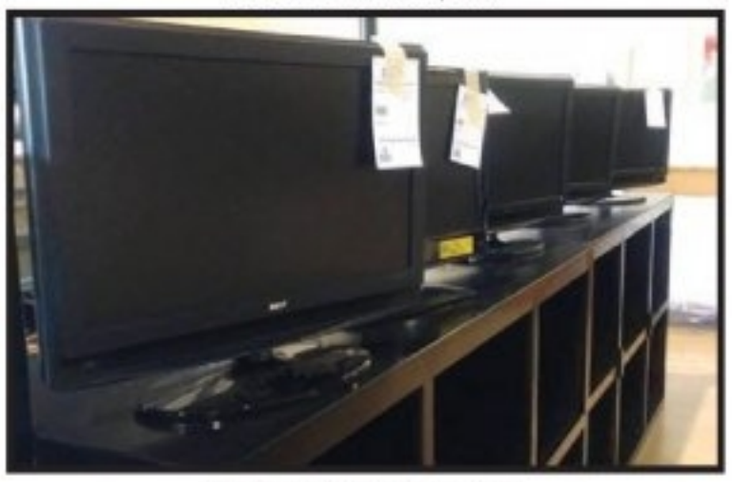

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Guide to Super Bowl prop bets

History has shown that the Super Bowl is usually a pretty boring football game. This year's matchup between the Atlanta Falcons and the New England Patriots appears better on paper than most, but there is still a good chance that it'll be a stinker. For casual football fans or those hoping to hedge their bets against a four-hour snoozefest, here are our favorite prop bets—our attempt to help you wager with your friends (or Vegas) and enjoy a little extra entertainment at 6:30 p.m. Sunday on Fox. **EVAN MACY; GRAPHIC BY BILLY BECERRA**

Luke Bryan national anthem length: 2:09
Bryan averages less than this on YouTube, but there is expected to be a jet flyover. This a key influence on the anthem bet. He will have to get his timing perfect and will be singing deliberately and slowly.
Our pick: over

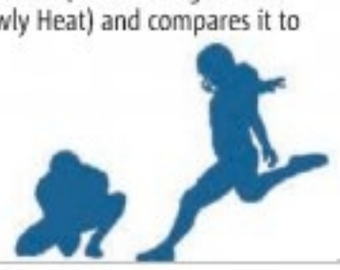
Tom Brady pass attempts: 37.5
We have encountered an abundance of media covering the Patriots' underrated running game. We don't buy it in the big game. Sure, the Pats will need to be multidimensional, but Bill Belichick won't have the ball in Dion Lewis' hands when it matters most. We see Brady throwing and completing a bevy of short passes. He'll throw more than 37.
Our pick: Brady throws a lot

Lady Gaga's hair color: not blond
Handicappers have said this year's halftime show performer will most likely adorn blond hair when she takes the stage. The odds for her hair being any color except blond are 5/2. We like those odds and the possibilities it allows.
Our pick: Gaga goes nonblond

Mentions of Donald Trump during broadcast: 1.5
The president is reportedly participating in the age-old tradition of pregame interviews. Knowing this president as we do, he will say something outlandish or unusual. He will also be picking the game (we are betting he picks New England). This leads us to believe he will be mentioned by Joe Buck and Troy Aikman more than once.
Our pick: over

Now, finally to the game
The Falcons have one of the five most prolific offenses of all time, and the Patriots' offense is nothing to scoff at — which is why we have the highest over-under in Super Bowl history. We like the under. With two weeks for Bill Belichick to prepare for Atlanta's offense, the Pats defense should be well-prepared. Historically, the best offenses in football have failed in the big game, and more often than not the game fails to reach the over-under mark.
Our pick: under 58 points scored

Higher total: Joel Embiid points + rebounds (+6.5) or first field goal distance
This one is complicated but awesome. Sixers star rookie center Embiid has taken the NBA by storm and has been good for 20 points and nine rebounds, nearly guaranteed. The bet spots Embiid 6.5 to his total (in Miami against the lowly Heat) and compares it to the length of the first made field goal. The numbers would put that at a 37-yard field goal as the over under. We think the first kick will be a lengthier one, especially indoors in Houston.
The pick: Field goal over Embiid; sorry, Process



Tom Brady for MVP: -110
Brady is the Super Bowl MVP favorite, and it would take a $110 bet to win $100 in a bet in Vegas. While the odds for the field are tantalizing (Julio Jones pays $1,800 on a $100 bet), Brady has won three of four Super Bowl MVPs in addition to the four titles he has won. He's had a chip on his shoulder all season, and we don't see him being stopped by Atlanta.
The pick: No. 4 for No. 12

Who wins?
The Patriots are three-point favorites and they have all the experience — plus a much better defense. The Falcons have never won a Super Bowl and haven't been to one since Dirty Bird Jamal Anderson more than a decade-and-a-half ago. The NFL is due for the karmic moment that will see Roger Goodell handing the Lombardi Trophy to Robert Kraft. We like the Patriots to cover the spread.
The pick: Patriots, -3

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Yemeni-Americans shut hundreds of shops in NY City to protest travel ban

Hundreds of New York City bodegas, grocery stores and restaurants owned by Yemeni Americans closed for hours on Thursday in protest against President Donald Trump's immigration policies, organizers said.

Loyal patrons who rely on the stores for staples of daily life had to look elsewhere for lunch after more than 1,000 locations shut their doors from noon to 8 p.m. in a move coordinated by groups including the Muslim Community Network and the Yemeni-American Community.

Bodega, a Spanish word meaning wine shop, is New York City slang for small stores selling everything from deli foods to newspapers and cat litter.

> *"We want to send the message that we're here."*
> Alaodyi

"We want to send the message that we're here," said Sulaiman Alaodyi, a 24-year-old cashier at the Best and Tasty deli in the Bronx, a bodega that is normally open around the clock. This was the first time it closed its doors since it started business nine months ago.

The protests followed the decision by Trump's administration to put a four-month hold on letting refugees into the United States and to temporarily bar travelers from Yemen, Syria, Iran, Iraq, Libya, Sudan and Somalia.

A Yemeni business owner closes the gate to his store on Thursday in the New York borough of Brooklyn. GETTY IMAGES

The order, which is being challenged in U.S. courts, left some travelers stranded and others held at airports on arrival. It provoked an outpouring of anger and dismay from immigrants, refugees and supporters.

Many store owners and workers who shut up shop were going to rally and hold public sundown prayers outside Brooklyn Borough Hall.

"We're going to go out and support all our brothers and sisters who are detained in airports and in other countries that can't get back," Alaodyi said. "This is just not fair."

New York City is home to many immigrants from Yemen, a country of about 24 million in the Arabian Peninsula. Many live in Brooklyn, but some are in Manhattan, Queens and the Bronx.

Golden Deli, a Yemeni-owned bodega in Manhattan, was swelling with customers who picked up early lunches before it closed. Nermin Radoncic, 22, walked up shortly after workers pulled down the shutters at noon.

Radoncic, who lives nearby but is moving to Queens, was disappointed he could not buy a pastrami and Swiss sandwich on his last day in the neighborhood. But he said he supported the protest.

"They make the bomb sandwiches," Radoncic said of Golden Deli. "This is like the best deli out here. Trump is a jerk." REUTERS

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Uber CEO quits Trump's business advisory group

Social media campaigns had targeted Uber, urging users to delete accounts and opt for rival Lyft Inc. Uber has been emailing users who deleted their accounts to say it shares their concerns and will compensate drivers affected by the ban.

Uber Technologies Inc. Chief Executive Officer Travis Kalanick, facing criticism from immigration advocates for serving on President Donald Trump's business advisory group, quit the group on Thursday, the company said.

The CEO of the ride-hailing service had been under mounting pressure from activists who oppose the administration's immigration policies. Critics included Uber drivers, many of whom are immigrants themselves.

"Joining the group was not meant to be an endorsement of the president or his agenda but unfortunately it has been misinterpreted to be exactly that," Kalanick, who had planned to attend a meeting of the group on Friday, said in an email to staff that was seen by Reuters.

Uber spokeswoman Chelsea Kohler later confirmed that he had left the group.

Kalanick said he spoke briefly to Trump about the immigration order "and its issues for our community" and told the president he would not join the economic council.

The CEO came under increasing pressure to leave the council after Trump issued an executive order temporarily barring people from seven majority-Muslim nations from entering the United States.

Travis Kalanick GETTY IMAGES

"There are many ways we will continue to advocate for just change on immigration but staying on the council was going to get in the way of that. The executive order is hurting many people in communities all across America," he wrote in a note to employees. "Families are being separated, people are stranded overseas and there's a growing fear the U.S. is no longer a place that welcomes immigrants."

The White House did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

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Schwarzenegger wants to 'switch jobs' after Trump blasts 'Apprentice' ratings

Arnold Schwarzenegger wasted no time responding to President Donald Trump's digs at the former California governor's ratings on the reality show "Celebrity Apprentice" during the National Prayer Breakfast on Thursday.

During his comments at the 64th annual breakfast, Trump talked about his "tremendous success" during his 15 years on "The Apprentice" before stepping down to run for president, and slammed the "big, big movie star" they hired to replace him: Arnold Schwarzenegger.

"We know how that turned out," he said. "The ratings went right down the tubes. It's been a total disaster."

"I want to just pray for Arnold, if we can, for those ratings, OK?" Trump said, laughing.

Arnold Schwarzenegger GETTY IMAGES

A spokesman for Schwarzenegger sent a statement to ABC following the exchange.

"Arnold is praying that President Trump can start improving his own approval ratings, which were the worst in history for an incoming president, by taking his job seriously and working inclusively," spokesman Daniel Ketchell said in the statement.

Trump and Schwarzenegger have duked it out publicly before.

When Schwarzenegger took over as host of "Celebrity Apprentice," Trump blasted the series premiere, which saw a 35 percent dip in ratings from when Trump hosted the prior year.

Trump called himself a "ratings machine" and said Schwarzenegger got "swamped, aka destroyed," and was no match for himself.

Schwarzenegger, a Republican for more than 30 years, has said he didn't vote for Trump and recently he's publicly criticized the president's immigration ban.

Ahead of the 2016 election, Schwarzenegger, said if he was able, he would have run for president.

"If I'd been born in America, I would've run," the Austrian-born actor turned politician told Adweek. ERIN TIERNAN

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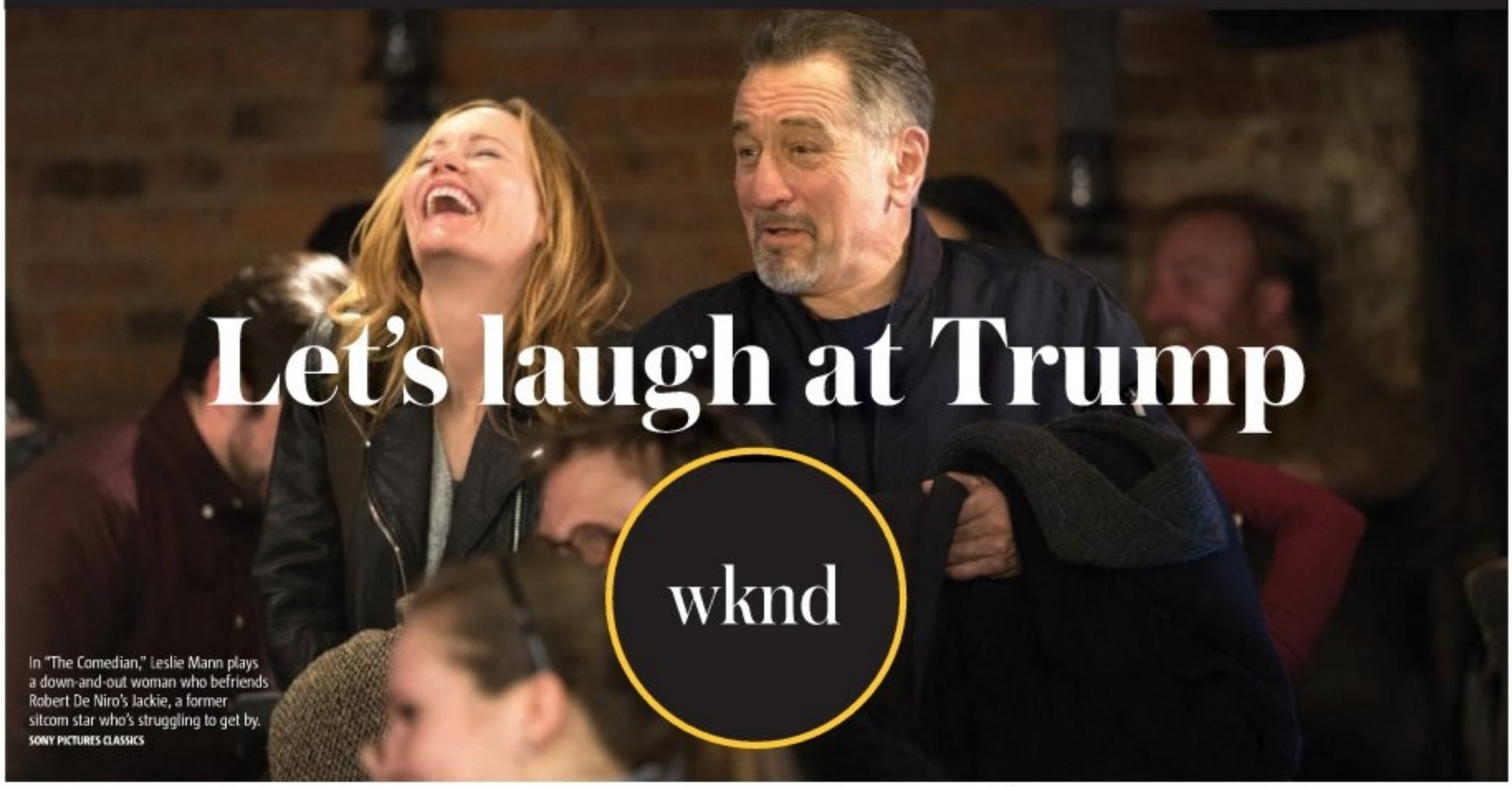

Let's laugh at Trump

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In "The Comedian," Leslie Mann plays a down-and-out woman who befriends Robert De Niro's Jackie, a former sitcom star who's struggling to get by.
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Robert De Niro and Leslie Mann talk "The Comedian" and trying to stay sane.

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You know who's been funny these past few months? Robert De Niro. Before the election, the serious, two-time Oscar-winner went viral with a deeply cathartic video in which he angrily railed against now-President Donald Trump, calling him "stupid," "a bulls— artist," "a mutt" and many other things. The night before the inauguration, he participated in a Central Park protest, during which he read fake Trump tweets. He should do stand-up.

We at least get to see him do that in "The Comedian." In the dramedy, he plays Jackie, a former sitcom star who's fallen on hard times. While doing community service at a soup kitchen (long story), he befriends Leslie Mann's Harmony, a volatile woman in her own bad patch.

De Niro and Mann spoke to us about the importance of comedy right now, fearing stand-up and dealing with PC culture.

Speaking of comedy, Mr. De Niro, you got a lot of laughs speaking at the anti-Trump protest the other week.
Leslie Mann: I didn't see that!
Robert De Niro: It was me saying, very simply, "F— you." [Laughs]

I didn't check to see if Trump actually sent retaliatory tweets, like he does to people like Meryl Streep who criticize him.
Mann: Such a douchebag.

Comedy is really important now, because it's therapeutic and a good way of combating Trump's actions, keeping them in the conversation.
Mann: It's good to find a funny angle on things, even though things are so awful. You need to find a way to laugh at it. Judd [Apatow, her husband] does that. He does stand-up, and he talks about Trump in a way that says exactly how he feels, but is also really funny. I guess it's an easier pill to swallow.
De Niro: I agree. What Alec Baldwin does is great. I read a story by this guy Eliot Cohen in The Atlantic. He was an adviser to Condoleeza Rice. He pretty much sums up how outrageous this whole thing is, what this guy has done, how he lies, every offense.

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Politically incorrect

De Niro's character is an insult comic, and his jokes are very un-PC. As a progressive liberal, I feel that we as a society can be a bit too touchy at times.
Mann: At Crossroads, where my kids go to school, they teach them about "microaggressions." They can't say anything. Everything offends someone. They feel trapped. They're not able to express their thoughts because they're afraid of offending someone.

How do they deal with it?
Mann: They just get mad about it [laughs] — but at home.

If you've ever seen a comic completely bomb before, it's one of the most painful things you can witness. It seems terrifying to go on stage.
De Niro: It's hard. You have to have the right material. I worked on this material, but it wasn't like I worked on it for years and had it all there. I don't know how to deal with a heckler. That takes a lot of experience. I did OK [chuckles], but you just have to get through it.

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"The Space Between Us"

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Sweet, earnest and kind of lame, "The Space Between Us" is a sci-fi/road movie/coming-of-age saga/love story that's also sometimes a fish-out-of-water comedy. It tries so hard that you want to hug it and not tell it what you really think. At least it's nice?

Asa Butterfield plays Gardner, a boy with a complicated backstory: He was born in space, while his mother was en route to colonize Mars. For tangled medical reasons, he can never, ever, ever set foot on Earth, or he will die. But his guardians let him go anyway. Once here, he's immediately deported — joke. No, he runs off with an internet friend (Britt Robertson) to see the country, even though, again, he will die.

"Space" does have a vaguely pleasant "Starman"-knockoff vibe, and Butterfield is affable, especially whenever he fumbles about, trying to figure out how these alien humans behave. Still, it does very little with its imaginative premise and the sins (like an embarrassingly shouty/whiny Gary Oldman turn) pile up. We hope this won't dissuade studios from funding future sci-fi movies grounded in reality, even a reality where the characters act idiotically. OK, maybe not that last part. MATT PRIGGE

"I Am Not Your Negro"

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"I Am Not Your Negro" is the movie of the moment. That's a line you hear a lot these days. But if any movie truly speaks forcefully and directly to what's happening in America now, it's a doc that includes the words, "I began to suspect white people did not act as they did because they were white, but for some other reason." That's not a line from a think piece just posted into your Facebook feed. It's from "The Devil Needs Work," James Baldwin's book-length essay, written in 1976.

The depressing relevance of Baldwin's brutally honest, eloquent, often witty work is the subject of Raoul Peck's "I Am Not Your Negro." It's no primer nor a thorough biography. It's a film essay, pairing his words (read by a subdued Samuel L. Jackson) with images from the civil rights era and Black Lives Matter protests alike.

Baldwin, who died in 1987, never minced words, endlessly pointing out that to be black in America is to always feel threatened, that prosperous white culture was built upon a foundation of black misery. But he was gentle, too. "I Am Not Your Negro" is the same way. It makes you realize that we're going to need a lot of Baldwin over the next four to eight years. MP

"The Comedian"

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What would Martin Scorsese have made of "The Comedian"? It isn't mere idle speculation: He was, many years ago, in talks to direct this character study, which trails a stubborn, floundering former sitcom star and present-day has-been stand-up (Robert De Niro). Instead the reins went to the less capable Taylor Hackford ("Ray," "The Devil's Advocate"), who has no idea what to do with a movie about a stubborn jerk that's also supposed to be a laugh riot.

The result is a shambles. Our anti-hero's a fascinating creature, at least. De Niro's Jackie has spent a life burning untold bridges when he tries to re-enter the limelight. But he doesn't hate himself, and he's good at his job — or so we're led to think. This is one of those movies where people are constantly telling our hero how great he is, abetted by cutaways to cackling audience members.

Presumably "The Comedian" began as a dirty '70s throwback, but it's evolved into a mish-mash of bad vibes and Apatow-style ad-libbing. Leslie Mann does steal the show as the volatile woman who befriends Jackie. But even she can't save this rickety ship. Rupert Pupkin, De Niro's sociopathic stand-up from "The King of Comedy," may have had weaker material than Jackie does, but there's no question who got the better film. MP

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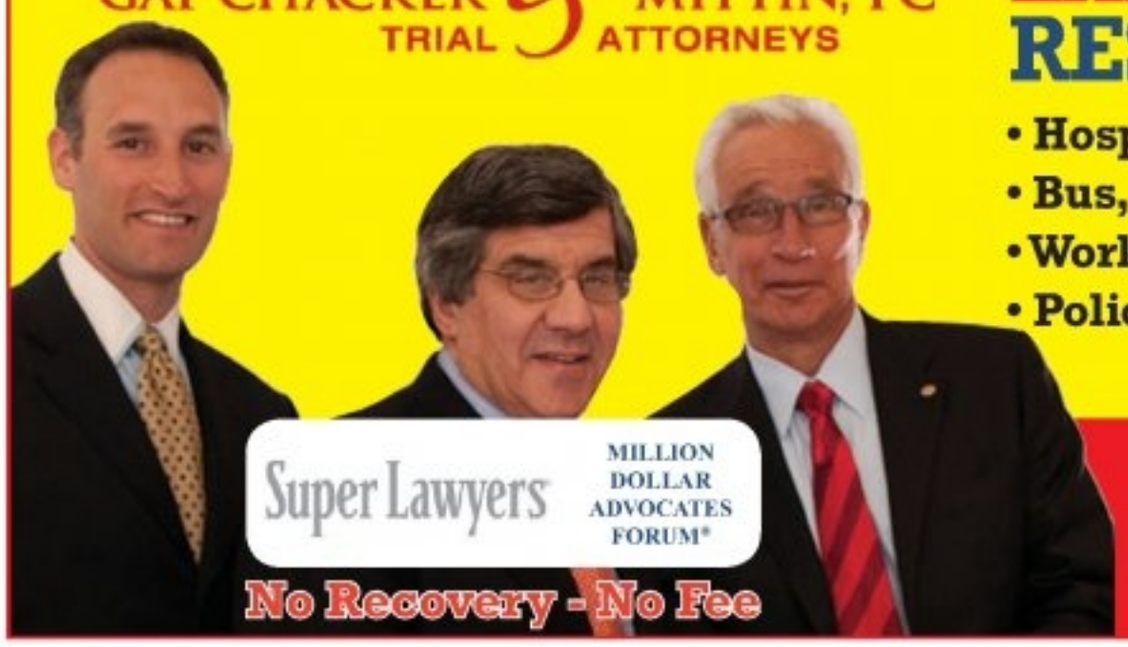

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She stars in another joint from "Transparent" creator Jill Soloway: "I Love Dick," which premiered at Sundance and streams on Amazon this May.

As an actress, would you say that your roots are in comedy?
Not at all. I never took a sketch class, I never took an improv class. I was a big theater nerd, I just wanted to do plays. I was playing Ma Joad in "Grapes of Wrath" in undergrad. [Laughs] I never thought that it would be comedy. I was always the class clown I guess, but I never — the idea of trying to be funny is a nightmare to me.

We have to ask: Will we see Rabbi Raquel in "Transparent" Season 4?
I don't know about Season 4, because she's submerged in Marfa, Texas, for a second. [Laughs] She went into the mikvah and out of the cistern. But, we've not seen the end of the rabbi, for sure, no. But I definitely think that we needed a breather after the end of last season; she was pretty devastated.

And you have the "Bad Moms" sequel coming up.
Yeah! We were all really surprised and so thrilled. It just affirmed our spidey sense that there is an audience for this kind of movie, and that the mamas were excited to [see it]. When we heard that it's going to be Christmas-themed, we were like, "Ah, of course." There's not another time of year that women are more expected to make magic happen while they're flipping out, stressing out trying to get stuff done.

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Beat the 'Winter Doldrums' at World Cafe Live

The 12-hour concert raises money and awareness for suicide prevention.

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Black Horse Motel PROVIDED

It seems like winter will never end. Stamp your feet to a fiddle to help shake off the SAD (or seasonal affective disorder) at the fifth annual Winter Doldrums Benefit concert on Saturday.

From noon to midnight, more than 20 Philadelphia folk and Americana musicians take the stage at World Cafe Live. All proceeds will be donated to both the local and national chapters of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

With so many bands and short sets, the acts definitely won't be repetitive. The concert starts on a lighter note with some acoustic sets and ends with more of a party. That's what it takes to keep a 12-hour show going.

"You get a wide variety of musical tastes and sounds," says musician Chris "Griz" Grunwald, who will be performing alongside Hezekiah Jones. "We're doing something that's like a folky Simon and Garfunkel."

"It's nice to relax during the day and then get a little rowdy at night," says cellist and pianist Desiree Haney of Americana rock band Black Horse Motel.

The band's choice of instruments and vocal harmonies create a sound similar to big names like the Avett Brothers or the Civil Wars. They just released a new EP in January. Haney says their use of drums gives them a heavier sound than some of the other bands playing in the show.

Combining a psychedelic experience and some soulful honky tonk, the Wallace Brothers find inspiration in styles perfected by the Grateful Dead and Ray Charles.

"We see lots of correlations between country, soul and gospel music," says guitarist and singer Zeke Wallace. "To think you're going to find inspiration in expected places discounts the possibilities of where you might find it."

Griz Grunwald
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Although the performers want to raise awareness for the prevalence of suicide and the importance of suicide prevention, Haney also says they also want to focus on uniting people who have lost loved ones to suicide.

"We need to find a sense of community right now more than ever," says Haney. "Whether it's music or protesting, we all need something that makes us happy."

Winter Doldrums runs noon to midnight on Saturday at World Cafe Live (3025 Walnut St.) Tickets are $20 in advance and $25 the day of. All proceeds go to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Visit afsp.org to learn more about suicide-prevention resources.

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Which quarterback will carry his team to a Super Bowl title? GETTY IMAGES

New England Patriots (-3) v. Atlanta Falcons (O/U: 58.5)

High-octane offenses collide in Houston for Super Bowl LI, as Tom Brady and the Patriots square off with Matt Ryan and the Falcons. Brady is in search of his fifth Super Bowl ring, while Ryan seeks his first ring and the first NFL Championship for the city of Atlanta.

The Patriots bring a fairly sturdy defense with them to Houston; they allowed just 15.7 PPG during the regular season (no team allowed fewer), and a total of 33 points in the two playoff games they've been involved in. And while Atlanta's defense has improved somewhat since September, they were still ranked in the bottom-third by PPG (24.8) during the regular season. They held Seattle and Green Bay's offenses in check in the first half of their games with them this January but face a tall order trying to stymie Tom Brady away from the Georgia Dome.

Atlanta primarily got to Aaron Rodgers through the blitz in the NFC Championship Game. It's well-known that Brady thrives when opposing defenses blitz him, and Atlanta's front four doesn't possess the threat that Denver did when they knocked Brady around in last year's conference title clash. Furthermore, the Patriots led the NFL in YAC (yards after catch) during the regular season, while the Falcons were the worst defense by YAC allowed in that span, so expect Julian Edelman and Chris Hogan to be highly productive in this one.

And even without Rob Gronkowski for most of the season, New England was still among the most efficient teams in the red zone (ninth at a 63.7 percent TD rate). Conversely, Atlanta's defense put up all the resistance of a wet paper bag when playing under the shadow of their own goalposts (72 percent TD rate, worst in the league).

Ryan and company had a similar regular season red zone TD rate (63.2 percent), but New England's defense was much stronger at combating opposing offenses with the backs against the wall than Atlanta's (50 percent TD rate, seventh-best in football).

But the Falcons will face difficulty even getting to red zone on Sunday. The Patriots were third-best in rush defense, meaning Devonta Freeman and Tevin Coleman's contributions could be limited, especially once they fall behind. The Falcons receiving corps led by Julio Jones will frustrate even the great game-planner Bill Belichick, but New England should be able to make enough stops to secure the win.

Prediction: Patriots 30, Falcons 23

Temple lacking star power with 2017 recruiting class, coaches optimistic

The Owls signed just five three-star recruits on National Signing Day this year.

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Temple is used to being an underdog program for football. New Owls head coach Geoff Collins found out firsthand what it's like to try and recruit in the Northeast against other large programs such as Penn State, Pitt and Rutgers that are so close in proximity.

Ranking-wise, the Owls didn't fare so well. According to popular recruiting websites Rivals.com and 247Sports.com, the team finished dead last in the American Athletic Conference in recruiting coming in 12th. They ranked 113th nationally, among teams such as North Texas and Northern Illinois.

Temple is still far from being a recruiting destination. What Temple has become in recent years is a legitimate program, which develops players from Day 1.

Take cornerback Tavon Young, defensive end Matt Ioannidis and linebacker Tyler Matakevich from the 2015 team. All three came to Temple as two-star recruits, only to be drafted by NFL teams last April.

Offensive lineman Dion Dawkins, running back Jahad Thomas and linebacker Haason Reddick from this past season were all two-star recruits or below as well and are being projected as highly as first round selections in the upcoming NFL draft.

This is a testament to the coaching staff and the ability to develop undervalued talent, something that Collins will have to continue to find success with the Owls.

Geoff Collins expects his coaching staff to get the best out of his 2017 signees. STILL OF COLLINS' FIRST PRESSER

"It doesn't matter what the outside people say," Collins said. "We have stars, we can play, we are tough, we are going to work. That is who we are and that is what we are built on, and I think that gives our kids an edge and I think that's a pretty special edge to have."

Temple took a couple lumps during the recruiting process. Two three-star recruits decommitted last minute for greener pastures in running back Gary Brightwell (Arizona) and wide receiver Raheem Blackshear (Rutgers).

Overall Temple landed just five 3-star recruits in quarterback Todd Centeio, tight end Griffin Sestili, linebacker Malik Burns, linebacker Arnold Ebiketie and linebacker Audley Isaacs.

Temple also received highly touted cornerback Mike Jones as a transfer from North Carolina Central who is an NFL-ready prospect at his position. They're in the process of trying to land offensive lineman and graduate transfer Trey Klock of Georgia Tech, who has two years of eligibility remaining and is said to also be among the top of his class at his position.

"The big thing is the consistency with the culture," Collins said. "Who we are philosophically and culturally is very inline with what has been here in the past. … I think when I went into each kid's home, they could sense that and they could feel that."

Collins will look to build upon the foundation that's been laid out for him. Spring practice is just around the corner.

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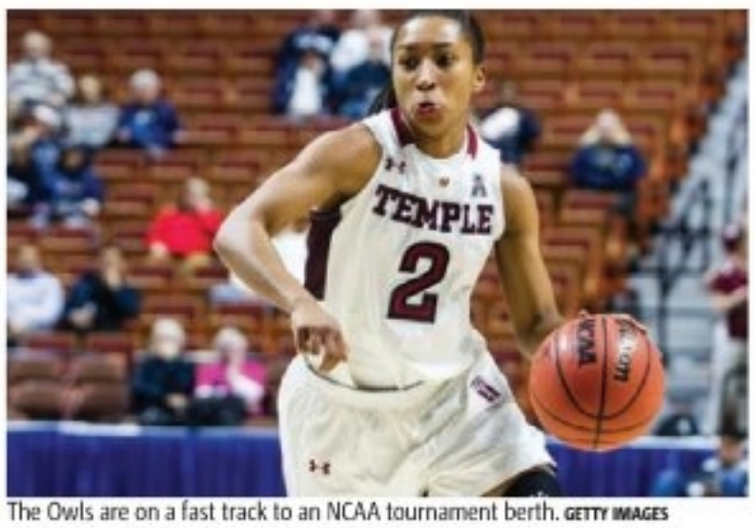
Temple women's hoops having great season despite run in with No. 1 UConn



The Owls are on a fast track to an NCAA tournament berth. GETTY IMAGES

It was an effort to be proud of for the Temple women's basketball team on Wednesday at the Liacouras Center. The Lady Owls (16-5, 6-2) fell, 97-69, to the hands of the No. 1 ranked UConn Huskies (21-0, 9-0), but the score wasn't reflective of how competitive the team had played.

UConn won its 96th straight game and an NCAA record 35th consecutive road game due to a sensational first half where they shot 20 of 26 from the floor for a ridiculous 77 percent. In that same time period, the Owls shot just 7 of 36 for 20 percent. The second half was a different story.

The Owls outscored the Huskies, 51-45, in the second half. The 29 points the Huskies gave up in the third quarter was the most the Huskies have given up in a quarter all season.

The 28 point margin of victory is the smallest UConn has won by in conference play this season. UConn coach Geno Auriemma took notice and praised Temple coach Tonya Cardoza after the game.

"When you look at their team, and you look at the way they play, and how hard they compete," Auriemma said, "I think it's a big statement about Tonya. The way their team played in the second half … that's a direct reflection on Tonya and her coaching staff."

With an NCAA tournament berth on their minds, Temple can take their second half performance and use it for the rest of the season.

"Playing against UConn … they show you every night why they are great," Cardoza said. "I love that my team gets to play against them." JEFF MCMENAMIN

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Eagles notebook: Reports say Birds want Stills, Dawkins wants to be a GM

And a look at Carson Wentz jersey sales.

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Kenny Stills could be the Eagles' biggest free agent target when the offseason officially begins this spring. GETTY IMAGES

As soon as the Super Bowl ends the NFL offseason unofficially begins. And when it does, the Eagles will be making some important moves.

With several players potentially on the chopping block (like Connor Barwin or Nolan Carroll), there will also be additions, and according to NJ.com, Dolphins wideout Kenny Stills is in the mix and could be a perfect fit for a team in desperate need of quality wide receivers.

NJ.com says, according to sources, that the Birds are "expected to make a push" for the 24-year-old, who caught 42 passes for 726 yards and nine touchdowns last year.

He has big-play potential, speed and is youthful — just entering his prime. He averages 16.7 yards per catch over his career and has 18 catches of 40 yards or more in four seasons. Philly had just six last year

Dawkins desires

Eagles legend and possible Hall of Fame safety Brian Dawkins is working for the Eagles front office as the team's football operations executive. He was at the Senior Bowl last week helping scout players and appeared on Comcast SportsNet.

When asked about fellow safety John Lynch getting hired out of the broadcast booth to be 49ers general manager, Dawkins said: "In my opinion, he's the GM in training, they're just not saying it like that," Dawkins said.

Lynch will have the responsibilities of running the San Francisco front office, but Dawkins noted that he'll have a lot of help and will grow into the job.

Dawk was then asked if his intention, as he climbs the rungs of the Eagles front office in a more conventional path, if he wants to be an NFL GM someday.

"I'm not going to limit myself to anything, but that's definitely something that I can see potentially happening down the road at some point," he said. "But right now, I'm learning and giving at the same time. I'm giving up myself and the things I've learned, the things that I've been able to be blessed to communicate with my teammates to help them become them. I'm trying to do those same things with my new teammates, being in the front office and those guys on the field."

Wear it like Wentz

According to the NFL Players Association, Carson Wentz had the fifth-best selling NFL jersey last season, trailing Tom Brady, Ezekiel Elliott, Dak Prescott and Odell Beckham Jr.

Interestingly, four of those top five are players in the NFC East. Wentz is the only player from Philly in the top 50.

Fanatics also reported that dog-loving Wentz has the No. 1 selling pet jersey.

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Aries Don't leap before you look. Your desire to get things done quickly needs to be handled correctly and channeled efficiently. Know your boundaries.

Taurus Your emotions must be controlled. Delve into a creative project that will help you avoid a showdown with someone trying to disrupt your plans.

Gemini Listen to what's being said or offered, but don't assume you are being told the whole truth. Dig deep and make your own assessment before you take action.

Cancer Let your imagination take charge when it comes to creative projects, but not when it comes to dealing with others. Making an assumption will lead to trouble.

Leo A problem will surface if you are too open. Closely observe what's going on and learn from what others say and do. Information will give you power to excel.

Virgo Mingle and meet new people. Get involved in pursuits that lead to greater personal growth. Open discussions will influence your future.

Libra Pay more attention to what's going on at home. Review your personal papers and finances, and discuss issues with anyone who will be affected by changes.

Scorpio Live your life your way. Don't fear being different. It's your unique nature and mysterious ways that make you so attractive. Embrace who you are.

Sagittarius Reconnect with someone you have enjoyed working with in the past. An opportunity to meld the past with the present will result in a brighter future.

Capricorn Tender, loving care will be valuable when it comes to home and family. Make amends with anyone who has been disgruntled or is feeling left out.

Aquarius Keeping a steady pace will ensure that you don't lose sight of your goals, even if someone puts an emotional block in front of you. Be strong and do your own thing.

Pisces Do what needs to be done. Connect with someone from your past who has the knowledge and experience to help you reach your goals. EUGENIA LAST

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